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No one can doubt what this means ; and yet from the tribune these men speak of peace, when they not only are preparing for, but desire, nay, long for war."

Our London correspondent having already alluded to the Revolution in Poland, we would merely add, that our warmest wishes shall be given for the success of that much injured and oppressed people, whose territories were so unjustly wrested from them by the merciless grasp of a knot of despotic tyrants.

SONNET—THE THIRTY-FIRST OF DECEMBER.

We welcome in this short, but tedious day,
When the full year's swift circling changes close,
And nature's herbage shrunk in cold decay,
Expects interment from impending snows.

On winter's lap Aquarius seeks repose,
While from th' Atlantic coast the tempests roll,
And the loud west-wind, rude and raging blows,
Which neither land nor ocean can control.

Sad season ! emblem of th' afflicted soul,
With clouds of inward anguish overcast,
Which longs to gain it's dark determin'd goal,
With pensive recollection of the past.

This sure event, the course of life attends,
And oft in short uncertain periods ends.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

This birth-day of the infant year's return.
To others mirth and happiness bestows ;
While o'er the old departed year I mourn,
And trace the varying source of human woes.

Whence this concern, that lessens my repose ?
Thy ruinous rapacities, O, time !
Whose tide with onward pace injurious flows
To man's best projects in their chiefest prime.

Hope's widest prospects, wisdom's plans sublime,
Thy wasteful course can dissipate and change ;
Force friends to part, and leave their native clime,
To dwell where war and fierce distempers range.

What numbers may thy next approach consume,
And roll its annual axle round their tomb.

PETILIAN.

CRITICAL NOTICES.

The Valley of the Clusone, a Tale of the Vaudois in the Seventeenth Century, as related by Carloman D'Andilli. Dublin : R. M. Tims—1830.

We know of no sketches of history more interesting, or more calculated to affect the best feelings of the heart, than those which relate to the sufferings and persecutions of those simple-minded, unobtrusive people, who inhabited the Vaudois territories in the early part of the seventeenth century, at the period when the fertile valleys of Piedmont were drenched with the blood of so many innocent victims, sacrificed on the altar of bigotry and su-

perstition—when the faithful and heroic Albigenses were driven from their peaceful habitations to seek refuge in the dens and fortresses of the mountains, and even hunted thence by the edicts of intolerance, like so many beasts of prey which were unfit to live, and which should be exterminated from the face of the earth. The extraordinary fortitude evinced by these determined people in defence of their pure and simple faith, will stand, so long as time endures, a monument on the page of history of all that is noble and great in the character of man ; while it will at the same time remain as a lasting memorial